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GENERAL NEWS

HUD Announces Forum on Assistance Animals

On the [HUD Exchange News webpage](#), the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) [announced](#) that the National Fair Housing Training Academy (NEHTA) will be hosting a national fair housing forum titled “[Assistance Animals Are Not Pets: Reasonable Accommodations Related to Support Animals](#).”

According to the announcement, panelists will provide information about how persons with certain disabilities benefit from support animals, the types of assistance animals, key components of HUD’s guidance, how to assess and process a request for a reasonable accommodation, and tools for investigation and testing of complaints involving discrimination against persons with disabilities because of the presence of or request for a support animal.

The forum will take place on Wednesday, March 16, 2022, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Click [here](#) to register.

HCV PROGRAM NEWS

HUD Posts HCV Utilization Webinar Materials

On the [HCV Program Trainings and Resources](#) webpage, HUD has posted the [recording](#) and [presentation slides](#) for the “HCV Utilization – Payment Standard Waiver and Two-Year-Tool Overview” webinar that was held on January 12, 2022.

The live web conference highlighted the new expedited waiver made available in Notice [PIH 2021-34](#) that will allow most PHAs to increase their payment standard up to 120 percent of the Fair Market Rent (FMR). It also presented a live demonstration of the Two-Year Tool (TYT) and provided examples of how the TYT can help you fully utilize your HCV program funds.

You can watch previous webinars [here](#) on the [HCV website](#).



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